

example, other embodiments may be implemented to produce virtually stained DHM images other than white blood cells. For example, a visualization system can include a similar training device which can be trained based on other image data sets which are related based on a manual stain. For example, a data set can include stained bacterial cells to which distinguish different types of bacteria such that a visualization system can produce virtually stained bacteria images for review by a clinician.

[0049] FIG. 6 illustrates an exemplary computing environment 600 within which embodiments of the invention may be implemented. For example, this computing environment 600 may be configured to execute one or more of the components of an image capture process by the DHM device 110, a training process implemented by the training device 120, or an image conversion process implemented by the virtual staining device 130. The computing environment 600 may include computer system 610, which is one example of a computing system upon which embodiments of the invention may be implemented. Computers and computing environments, such as computer system 610 and computing environment 600, are known to those of skill in the art and thus are described briefly here.

[0050] As shown in FIG. 6, the computer system 610 may include a communication mechanism such as a bus 621 or other communication mechanism for communicating information within the computer system 610. The computer system 610 further includes one or more processors 620 coupled with the bus 621 for processing the information. The processors 620 may include one or more central processing units (CPUs), graphical processing units (GPUs), or any other processor known in the art.

[0051] The computer system 610 also includes a system memory 630 coupled to the bus 621 for storing information and instructions to be executed by processors 620. The system memory 630 may include computer readable storage media in the form of volatile and/or nonvolatile memory, such as read only memory (ROM) 631 and/or random access memory (RAM) 632. The system memory RAM 632 may include other dynamic storage device(s) (e.g., dynamic RAM, static RAM, and synchronous DRAM). The system memory ROM 631 may include other static storage device(s) (e.g., programmable ROM, erasable PROM, and electrically erasable PROM). In addition, the system memory 630 may be used for storing temporary variables or other intermediate information during the execution of instructions by the processors 620. A basic input/output system (BIOS) 633 containing the basic routines that help to transfer information between elements within computer system 610, such as during start-up, may be stored in ROM 631. RAM 632 may contain data and/or program modules that are immediately accessible to and/or presently being operated on by the processors 620. System memory 630 may additionally include, for example, operating system 634, application programs 635, other program modules 636 and program data 637.

[0052] The computer system 610 also includes a disk controller 640 coupled to the bus 621 to control one or more storage devices for storing information and instructions, such as a hard disk 641 and a removable media drive 642 (e.g., floppy disk drive, compact disc drive, tape drive, and/or solid state drive). The storage devices may be added to the computer system 610 using an appropriate device

interface (e.g., a small computer system interface (SCSI), integrated device electronics (IDE), Universal Serial Bus (USB), or FireWire).

[0053] The computer system 610 may also include a display controller 665 coupled to the bus 621 to control a display 666, such as a cathode ray tube (CRT) or liquid crystal display (LCD), for displaying information to a computer user. The computer system includes an input interface 660 and one or more input devices, such as a keyboard 662 and a pointing device 661, for interacting with a computer user and providing information to the processor 620. The pointing device 661, for example, may be a mouse, a trackball, or a pointing stick for communicating direction information and command selections to the processor 620 and for controlling cursor movement on the display 666. The display 666 may provide a touch screen interface which allows input to supplement or replace the communication of direction information and command selections by the pointing device 661.

[0054] The computer system 610 may perform a portion or all of the processing steps of embodiments of the invention in response to the processors 620 executing one or more sequences of one or more instructions contained in a memory, such as the system memory 630. Such instructions may be read into the system memory 630 from another computer readable medium, such as a hard disk 641 or a removable media drive 642. The hard disk 641 may contain one or more datastores and data files used by embodiments of the present invention. Datastore contents and data files may be encrypted to improve security. The processors 620 may also be employed in a multi-processing arrangement to execute the one or more sequences of instructions contained in system memory 630. In alternative embodiments, hard-wired circuitry may be used in place of or in combination with software instructions. Thus, embodiments are not limited to any specific combination of hardware circuitry and software.

[0055] As stated above, the computer system 610 may include at least one computer readable medium or memory for holding instructions programmed according to embodiments of the invention and for containing data structures, tables, records, or other data described herein. The term “computer readable medium” as used herein refers to any medium that participates in providing instructions to the processor 620 for execution. A computer readable medium may take many forms including, but not limited to, non-volatile media, volatile media, and transmission media. Non-limiting examples of non-volatile media include optical disks, solid state drives, magnetic disks, and magneto-optical disks, such as hard disk 641 or removable media drive 642. Non-limiting examples of volatile media include dynamic memory, such as system memory 630. Non-limiting examples of transmission media include coaxial cables, copper wire, and fiber optics, including the wires that make up the bus 621. Transmission media may also take the form of acoustic or light waves, such as those generated during radio wave and infrared data communications.

[0056] The computing environment 600 may further include the computer system 610 operating in a networked environment using logical connections to one or more remote computers, such as remote computer 680. Remote computer 680 may be a personal computer (laptop or desktop), a mobile device, a server, a router, a network PC, a peer device or other common network node, and typically